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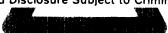




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Sanitized Copy Approved for Release 2010/12/08: CIA-RDP85T00840R000100030001-4 25X1 (c) NATIONAL PHOTOGRAPHIC INTERPRETATION CENTER Page 1 of 2Attachment to Z-18301/85 NPIC/IEG/SANND Copy____ 9 JANUARY 1985 FORMATION OF FIRST SOVIET NAVAL AVIATION BACKFIRE C REGIMENT NIKOLAYEV/KULBAKINO AIRFIELD, USSR 25X1 SIGNIFICANCE: THE FIRST SOVIET NAVAL AVIATION (SNA) BACKFIRE C REGIMENT IS FORMING AT NIKOLAYEV/KULBAKINO AIRFIELD, THE MAJOR SNA TRAINING BASE. DEPLOYMENT TO AN OPERATIONAL BASE IS EXPECTED IN THE NEAR FUTURE. THE COUNT OF BACKFIRE C AT THIS AIRFIELD HAS REMARKS: STEADILY INCREASED FROM FOUR AIRCRAFT IN JUNE 1984 TO 15 ON PRIOR TO JUNE 1984, TWO BACKFIRE C HAD 25X1 (SWN) NORMALLY BEEN PRESENT. THE MOST RECENTLY FORMED SNA BACKFIRE B REGIMENT AT 25X1 WAS FORMED IN A SIMILAR ALEKSEYEVKA AIRFIELD THE NUMBER OF BACKFIRE B INCREASED AT FASHION. NIKOLAYEV/KULBAKINO FROM TWO TO 15 DURING AN APPROXIMATELY TEN AIRCRAFT SUBSEQUENTLY REDEPLOYED TO SIX-MONTH PERIOD. ALEKSEYEVKA ESTABLISHING THE CORE OF THE NEW REGIMENT. ADDITIONAL BACKFIRE THEN DEPLOYED FROM KAZAN AIRFRAME PLANT GORBUNOV 22 UNTIL THE REGIMENTAL STRENGTH OF 25X1 20 AIRCRAFT WAS REACHED. (SWN) ANALYST'S COMMENTS -- THE NEW BACKFIRE C REGIMENT WILL PROBABLY BE ASSIGNED TO OKTYABRSKOYE AIRFIELD IN THE OR VESELOYE AIRFIELD 25X1 BLACK SEA FLEET AIR FORCE (BSFAF). THE BSFAF CURRENTLY HAS ONLY ONE BACKFIRE B REGIMENT. THE BALTIC SEA FLEET AND THE PACIFIC OCEAN FLEET EACH HAVE TWO BACKFIRE B REGIMENTS. BACKFIRE ARE ASSIGNED TO THE NORTHERN FLEET. IF SNA BACKFIRE C DEPLOYMENTS PARALLEL SOVIET AIR FORCE (SAF) DEPLOYMENTS. THEN OKTYABRSKOYE, WHICH WAS THE FIRST SNA BASE TO RECEIVE BACKFIRE B, WILL PROBABLY RECEIVE THE BACKFIRE C. THE BACKFIRE B CURRENTLY AT OKTYABRSKOYE WILL PROBABLY REDEPLOY TO VESELOYE AIRFIELD. POLTAVA AIRFIELD 25X1 WAS THE FIRST SAF BASE TO RECEIVE BACKFIRE B AND THE FIRST TO CONVERT TO BACKFIRE C. THE BACKFIRE B FROM POLTAVA THEN REDEPLOYED TO FORM A NEW REGIMENT AT ANISOVO 25X1 These notes have been prepared for briefing purposes only and should not be used for detailed analytical work. Their use should be restricted to the particular briefing board(s) they were prepared for and must be considered valid only for the reporting period as indicated by the date of issue. WARNING NOTICE INTELLIGENCE SOURCES OR METHODS INVOLVED **SECRET**

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